MIDWESTERN BEEKEEPER'S ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Date: Sunday, April 14, 2019 in the Conservation Room at Bass Pro Shops in Independence MO at 2:30 pm.

Attendance: 62

The General Membership meeting was opened by Phil Duncan, by welcoming all attendees. He explained the Youth Scholarship Silent Auction process and raffle, allowing attendees to place bids and/or buy raffle tickets before and after the general meeting.

Eri Messner discussed NEKA Fun Day on June 1st, in Lawrence KS. He introduced the speaker, Grant Gillard, "Raising a Few Queens the Easy Way".

Topics included:

- 3 reasons to raise queens-
    - Availability
    - Quality
    - Cost
- 3 lesser reasons to raise queens
    - Decrease introduction issues vs caged queens
    - Locally adapted genetics
    - Be a local hero to other beekeepers.
- Tips to transfer newly hatched larva into cell cups.
- Discussion of making splits.
- How to mark a queen.
- What to do if a colony or nuc is queenless
- Question and answer session followed the presentation.
- The MBA Board approved to give one admission to the Northeast Kansas Association Fun Day, as a door prize, during the February, March, April, and May General Meeting. The February recipient is Jolene Hallam, who declined the admission, allowing 2 admissions for the March meeting. Ana Boatman and Phil Fahlk had the winning tickets, Phil declined his ticket. Two lucky winners were drawn, Terry Wright and Jaime Lopez. Meeting was concluded after bidding and raffle winners were announced. All auction items were purchased.
- The next MBA General Meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2019 at 2:30pm, at the Independence Bass Pro Shops, in the Conservation Room on the lower level.
- Submitted by Lenora Woolsey 5/19/2019